

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An educational method for increasing a student's vocabulary comprising the steps of:

identifying ~~a first expression consisting of a and recording of a vocabulary building exercise utilizing~~ commonly known person, place, thing, event, title, phrase, or quote consisting of one or more words;

obscuring said words by substituting one or more of said words with lesser known words to form a second expression;

~~recording the lesser known words for presentation to a student;~~

presenting the second expression recorded said lesser known words to a student ~~to decipher ;said student~~ using his vocabulary knowledge of said lesser known words ~~to decipher said commonly known person, place thing, event, title phrase, or quote;~~

providing said student with one or more definitions of the lesser known words which definitions serve as clues for deciphering the second expression back into the first expression

whereby said student learns the lesser known words and adds them to his vocabulary by actively using said definitions of the lesser known words in deciphering the second expression back into the first expression.

2. (canceled) the method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
providing said student with one or more definitional clues which are the meaning of one or more of said recorded lesser known words.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

~~providing said student with one or more definitional clues which are the meaning of one or more of said recorded lesser known words and~~  
~~providing a means for scoring the number of clues used by the student in deciphering the second expression back into the first expression amount of help that use of one or more said definitional clues which are the meanings of one or more of said lesser known words provided said student.~~